



# Great [Wood] News

## Spring Term 3



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### Diary Dates

Tuesday 6th February	-	Safer Internet Day
	-	Academy Photos
	-	Chinese New Year Lunch
	-	Y3/4 Netball
Wednesday 7th February	-	Pancake Lunch
Thursday 8th February	-	Parents Evening 3.45pm-5.45pm
Friday 9th February	-	Valentines Lunch
	-	Y5/6 Class Violin Assembly, 2.45pm - Y5/6 Parents Welcome
	-	School Closes For Half Term
Monday 19th February	-	School Re-Opens
Wednesday 21st February	-	Y6 Maths Morning
Wednesday 6th March	-	Gymnastics Competition
Thursday 7th March	-	World Book Day
	-	World Book Day Lunch
	-	Stoke's Gotta Sing
Friday 8th March	-	Wizard Of Oz Theatrical Production
Thursday 14th March	-	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 15th March	-	KS2 Dance Festival @ TCA - Separate letter to those involved
	-	Comic Relief
	-	Comic Relief Lunch
Monday 18th March	-	Non Uniform Day, Easter Chocolate Donations
Thursday 21st March	-	PTFA Easter Bingo
Friday 22nd March	-	Easter Celebration Day
	-	School Closes For Easter Holidays
Monday 8th April	-	Inset Day - School Closed For Pupils
Tuesday 9th April	-	School Re-Opens
Thursday 18th April	-	PTFA Meeting, 6.30pm - All Welcome
Tuesday 23rd April	-	St Georges Day Lunch
Friday 26th April	-	PTFA Race Night, 7pm - 10pm
Monday 6th May	-	Bank Holiday - School Closed



Tuesday 6th February

**CHINESE NEW YEAR**

**2024**

SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN  
& EGG FRIED RICE

OR  
VEGETABLE CHOW MEIN

WITH  
ORIENTAL VEGETABLES

LEMON AND GINGER SPONGE  
WITH COCONUT CUSTARD

Wednesday 7th February



**Pancake Day**

*Main Course of the Day*

with  
*Veg of the Day*

*Build Your Own Pancake*

choose from  
lemon & sugar, honey or jam

Friday 9th February

**Valentines Lunch**



Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish  
Fingers or Vegetable  
Goujons  
With Chips,  
Beans & Peas

For dessert...  
Valentines Heart Biscuit

**Violin Assembly**

On Friday 9th February our fabulous Mrs Whiteley will be leading our year 5/6 children in their K2M assembly. Parents, Carers and Grandparents are welcome to join us and listen to their amazing violin playing (we are sure you have already sampled this at home)! The assembly will start at 2.45pm. Hope to see you there!



**Our Children's Safety**

Unfortunately, we are once again getting a lot of families walking across the car park, instead of on the pavement at the start and end of the school day. There should be no other vehicles on the car park other than those belonging to staff and arranged visitors, but these vehicles can move at anytime. This poses a danger to anyone crossing the car park, rather than using the pavement.

Please use the pavement when dropping children off, or picking them up.

Thank you.



**Parents Evening**

On Thursday 8th February we will be holding our Spring Term Parents Evening, where staff will be available in their classrooms from 3.45pm – 5.45pm. Bookings are available via Arbor, our online Parent Portal. Here you will be able to choose the most convenient available slot. Each appointment will be 5 minutes. Please consider our teachers schedules and be aware they might ask you to arrange an extra meeting (at a later date), if you feel you need more time for discussions.



**Lateness**

Please may we remind you that our school day begins at 8.45am when the doors open to children. They remain open until 9.00am. Children should arrive at school between these times, to ensure that they are marked present and do not incur 'late' marks.

Lateness is recorded on children's attendance and it is important that they are on time.



Place your bets...  
Great Wood School  
Presents  
**Race Night**

Save the Date

Come and join us for a night of virtual horse racing on  
**Friday 26th April 2024**  
Great Wood School 7pm—10pm  
(bring your own drink and nibbles)  
Adults (over 18) only  
£3 Entry per person  
Individual bets made at £1 per horse, per race

Please inform the school office if you will be attending and let us know if you would be interested in a crèche facility, should we be able to run one.

## HOLIDAYS AND TERM DATES

### Spring Term 2024

**Half Term:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

**Term ends:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

**Easter Holiday:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

### Summer Term 2024

**Inset Day for staff (schools closed):** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April

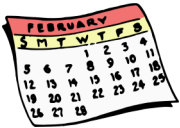
**Term starts for pupils:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April

**May Day:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

**Half Term:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

**Term ends:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

**Inset Day for staff (schools closed):** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July



Please **do not** book holidays during term time as you risk receiving a penalty notice from the Local Authority if your child does not attend school.

### Bugs!

We have a couple of bugs going around school at the moment, to help stop these spreading please can you refrain from sending your child back to school until 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. Thank you for your help.



### Gloves, Hats and Scarves

Please can we remind you that it is very cold on the playground at the moment (especially if it is windy), so please can you ensure that your child/children have suitable outdoor clothing. Gloves, hats and scarves are a huge help, in fighting off the cold.



## Number Day 2024

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, children dressed in green, or numbers for NSPCC Number day. During the day they took part in number competitions.

Together we raised £73.50 for this very worthwhile cause.

Thank you.

### Parking

We are once again noticing a steady increase in vehicles driving down to school.

We would like to remind you that **no vehicles** should be brought down onto the school car park at ANY time of day. This car park is for staff and visitors to school only. Also, in the interests of the health and safety of our children, it is not appropriate for vehicles to be coming and going up and down the drive, especially at the start of the school day and at home time.

Should you need any assistance, please contact us and we will be happy to help.



### in2thewildwood presents an

**Outdoor Woodland Fun Day** – imagine a montage of Swallows & Amazons, bushcraft, guiding & scouting, Forest School, Woodlore and Social Forester led activities

**FEB HALF-TERM HOLIDAY**

09:00 – 15:00 hours

Great Wood's Lower-field and Woodland-area

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024

£25.00 per learner

for those from Years 3, 4, 5, & 6

Max. of 10 – first come first served!

Your folks will be doing a number of things to keep them focused, happy and skilled up: from fire striking to creating cooking fires; making hot drinks; baking pizza and breads over an open campfire, wide games-scavenger hunt, tug-o-war, foraging; making woodland products-mallets, woodland friends, wooddallions; using sharp-edged tools; building shelters and dens; learning tracking skills; using walkie-talkies in the woods; learn to whittle safely with a real forester's knife; bird and wildlife watching and many more themes besides – the sessions are free-flowing child centred and the activity choice is dependent upon them and so the actual content may differ! My twenty year plus track record shows that everyone leaves more than contented, inspired, skilled, happy and ready for a great night's kip!

**Please ensure** that your young folks are well equipped for the woodland: all their own personal medicines, a **rucksack** or sturdy bag containing their kit (not plastic, flimsy or paper bags), wet weather gear (coat, over trousers & hat), warm hat, a **blanket and kneeling pad to sit on** (for around the camp fire), sturdy shoes, **boots** or Wellingtons, long-trousers, long-sleeved tops, warm layers & gloves, a pair of heavy duty **gardening gloves** that fit them, a **mat**/thick plastic bag to sit on, their packed **lunch & a mug**. **Kindly** ensure that the medical and photo consent forms are completed and returned

Payment is in advance with a cancellation and **refund ONLY** being made should the winds be forecasted to exceed 24m.p.h on the day!



## FEBRUARY FESTIVAL OF FUN HOLIDAY CLUBS

### Great Wood Primary School

Vicorage Road, Upper Tean, Tean, ST10 4LE

**Come and join us for some sports, games and activities on February 13.**

Our action-packed program gives children the chance to remain active, develop skills and make new friends within a safe and secure program.



### We are inclusive!

We value the importance of accommodating children who have come to us from different backgrounds. We aim to provide an environment where everyone is challenged and given an enjoyable experience.

Search for your venue: [asmsports.co.uk](http://asmsports.co.uk)

09:00-15:30

Half-Day & Wrap-Around options available



Call: 01782 366332

Visit: [www.asmsports.co.uk](http://www.asmsports.co.uk)

Email: [info@asmsports.co.uk](mailto:info@asmsports.co.uk)



## WORLD BOOK DAY

7 MARCH 2024

### World Book Day

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day. All our children will be asked to dress as their favourite character from their favourite book or wear their pyjamas for reading a story. Whether its Little Red Riding Hood, Harry Potter or the Wimpy Kid, pick the character that you would most like to be and come dressed as them for the day.

Each child will receive a National Book token to use against the purchase of any book costing over £2.99 at participating book shops, or clubs.

### Happy Holiday!

School closes for Half Term on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

We hope you have a restful break and look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February, when we start the second half of a busy Spring Term!

